SNSF Starting Grants Call 2023: Evaluation form for panel members and reviewers

1  Introductory remarks
All applications that meet the personal and formal requirements are evaluated scientifically. All panel members as well as all peer-reviewers (only for applications selected for phase 2) are asked the same questions, following the evaluation criteria in section 5.3 of the Call document for SNSF Starting Grants 2023.

2  Evaluation form

Questions on "Scientific quality of the research project"

Q1: Ground-breaking nature and potential impact of the research project

- To what extent does the proposed research address important challenges?
- To what extent are the objectives ambitious and beyond the state of the art (e.g., novel concepts and approaches or development between or across disciplines)?
- To what extent is the proposed research high-risk/high-gain (i.e. if successful the payoffs will be very significant, but there is a high risk that the research project does not entirely fulfil its aims)?
Q2: Scientific approach

- To what extent is the outlined scientific approach feasible bearing in mind the extent that the proposed research is high-risk/high-gain?
- To what extent are the proposed research methodology and working arrangements appropriate to achieve the goals of the project?
To what extent does the proposal involve the development of novel methodology?

To what extent are the proposed timescales, resources and PI commitment adequate and properly justified?

[Text boxes related to specific strengths and weaknesses as well as for comments (cf. Figure 1) and rating scale (cf. Figure 2)]

Question on "Qualification of the applicant"

Q: Intellectual capacity and creativity of the applicant

To what extent has the applicant demonstrated the ability to conduct ground-breaking research?

To what extent does the applicant provide evidence of creative independent thinking?

To what extent does the applicant have the required scientific expertise and capacity to successfully execute the project?

[Text boxes related to specific strengths and weaknesses as well as for comments (cf. Figure 1) and rating scale (cf. Figure 2)]

Question on "Overall assessment"

Please provide a rating on the following scale for your overall assessment of the proposal, considering the strengths and weaknesses in the criteria-based assessment. Use 5 as the entry point from which to develop your arguments to grade lower or higher.

Please summarise the main reasons for your overall assessment by listing the strengths and weaknesses of the proposal.

This statement is the most important part of your recommendation, as it makes the reasoning behind your assessment transparent, it prepares the panel for the decision-making, and it provides the administrative office with the necessary information for the further processing of the proposal. A summary of your statement will be forwarded to the applicant, especially in the case of negative funding decisions.
Main reasons for your overall assessment 4

(3000 characters max.)